(b) whether by such a step the financial burden of the SEB will be reduced from the existing 16 per cent to a lower level; and

(c) whether the Centre has issued any policy direction to Central Electricity Regulatory Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (KPTCL) in petition pertaining to financial norms for Rate of Return pleaded before Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) that the rate of return on equity be reduced to 12%

(b) Return on Equity (RoE) is a component of fixed charges and therefore the reduction in Return on equity translates into lower tariff at which power is available to SEBs from CPSU.

(c) No, Sir.

Schemes for rural housing financed by Government

1871. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many schemes of rural housing financed by Government;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that some of these overlap in their objectives;

(c) whether Government propose to integrate these schemes; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d) Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the various Rural Housing Schemes which include Indira Awaas Yojana, Credit-cum-Subsidy rural Housing Scheme, Innovative stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development, Scheme for Rural Building Centre etc. These Schemes have different objectives, funding pattern and target groups. However, there is a proposal to merge these Schemes into one.